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## THAT SPEECH.

Our representative did not expect more than an ordinary item of news when he attended the "love feast" of the Citizens' Guard and the retired Marshal the other night. As his fingers took down Mr. Hitchcock's words in "hen scratches," as a deceased native legislator called shorthand, however, he inwardly exclaimed in the words of Dominie Squeers, "Here's richness!" Strong supporters of the Government have been heard to remark that if Mr. Hitchcock knew how his speech would have looked in cold print he would probably have been more guarded in his utterances. This is very much to be doubted, as strong language is characteristic of the ex-Marshall, without regard to the sensibilities of his auditors, who, in this case through the BULLETIN'S enterprise, include the whole town.

Amidst the indiscreet expressions of Mr. Hitchcock, however, there are some opinions with which a large proportion of the public must agree. One of these is that in regard to the military. The maintenance of regular troops is really not necessary to the preservation of the established government or the maintenance of law and order. In the several commotions of the past eight years the regular soldiers cut a really sorry figure, and those events ought to have furnished proof enough to our present rulers that a standing army in this country is a useless burden. There is no need for more protection than an efficient police and the posse comitatus, or the people whose business and social interests are all identified with the prevention of turmoil. Upon every occasion of disturbance here, when the peace of the town was either broken or threatened, there have been more volunteers, regardless of politics, in a few hours to stand by the visible power of the law than weapons could be spared for by the authorities.

Another interlude of wisdom in the late Marshal's farewell address to the Citizens' Guard was the view taken of the relation of Hawaiians to the question of annexation. The republican spirit of the United States was truly interpreted as being averse to the absorption of an unwilling people into the citizenship of that nation. Probably the native Hawaiians have more to gain from annexation than any of the alien nationalities domiciled in their islands. It is for one thing because the authors of the republic have been inactive in impressing the advantages of annexation upon the minds of the Hawaiians that they have come under suspicion of being insincere toward the cause themselves. They have not used any arts of conciliation, but rather on the contrary have inclined to a policy of irritation, in their dealings with the Hawaiians. Perhaps the criticism of the Government in this respect by this great fighting man of theirs will cause reflection upon the propriety of making a change of attitude toward the real people of the country.

## ELECTRIC CARS.

Electric motive power for street railways is not yet in so close a degree to perfection as to justify the frantic clamor of some legislators to have it adopted in Honolulu. It would not hurt the town to wait until some better system than the trolley is brought within the range of feasibility for small towns. When electric lighting of Honolulu was proposed in the Legislature of 1886, it was opposed by the wealthiest citizen, Hon. C. R. Bishop, on the ground that as yet electric light was only a toy. He was very much behind the times in that notion, as the old BULLETIN stated at the time, as many towns in the United States and Canada were then basking in the effulgent rays of electricity, and a great many more would have been except for existing vested rights of gas companies, and the writer had seen ocean steamships being loaded at night as easily as by day through the advantages of the same light several years previously. In the case of electric street cars, however, the case is different. The trolley system for this purpose, being the cheapest, would be the one to be put down in Honolulu under any franchise now granted, but it has very serious objections to it, such as the incommoding of traffic with poles or standards for carrying the conductors of the potent current. Buda-Pesth, the capital of Hungary, has an electric street railway system that has the conductors under ground, and, if a similar system is too dear for any corporation to give to Honolulu at present, it would be the part of wisdom to wait until the progress of electrical invention makes electric transit available without an overhead cable before either forcing the present street railway corporation to use electricity or granting a franchise to another corporation for the same purpose. Much as the mule cars may be decried and ridiculed, they have proved one of the greatest boons that mark the past progress of Honolulu. There is no burning necessity for any speedier mode of transit, anyway, for people can rest in this restful community about as agreeably in a car jog-trotting to Waikiki as in any other situation, even the taking of a siesta in a hammock.

## OBSERVATIONS.

It will be seen from a report of a visitation of trustees to the Queen's Hospital, elsewhere, that the institution is in the pink of efficiency.

Contrary to official promise, the cable proposal did not come up in the Senate this afternoon. Since it is endorsed by the morning organ, blindfoldedly, the thing ought to be ripe for action.

Another interesting letter on the great seal question appears in this issue. It may be deemed a small matter, but it is one in which the good sense of the Government is at stake. A prettier coat-of-arms than the old one, or a more dignified in design and motto, cannot be invented. As the able correspondent who first wrote on the subject, Mr. Goodale, said, it only needs to be modified to suit the changed system of government.

Mitani, a Japanese who sued another named Orog for \$300 for damages for false imprisonment, has withdrawn his suit and paid the expenses incurred.

## Timely Topics

Most people make their wills before they die, and some of them are great curiosities in their way. Among the many curious legacies made lately is that of a Christiana man who directs that his whole fortune shall be expended in bicycles. A Norwegian newspaper which does not give itself up to the comic element relates that a Dutch lawyer, named Nikolson, bequeathed the whole of his property to trustees, to be employed in the purchase of bicycles for the use of children attending school, while part of the money is to go towards paying the teacher to train the boys in bicycle riding.

The validity of the will has been disputed by the sons of the testator, who refuse to acknowledge it, so that it is still a question of doubt whether the children will reap the benefit of the strange bequest. That the testator was sincere enough, and that he recognized in the wheel untold blessings which might have escaped the observation of minds of less acumen, the concluding portion of the will should go to prove. It says:-

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Now that lawyer had good hard, solid sense and plenty of it, in fact, a good deal more of it than most lawyers are credited with, and yet not more than many boys and girls in Honolulu have, for are there not many of the latter who are spending their whole fortunes in purchasing a bicycle and they are wise in spending their money on something that will give them their money's worth every time.

The bicycle of the Khedive of Egypt is a gorgeous machine, almost entirely covered with silver plating but if anyone wants a duplicate of it we can furnish it, or if something "English you know" is wanted we can supply similar machines to those used by the Prince of Wales' boys and girls, all of whom are expert riders.

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